



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service

Wyoming Crop Weather



Wyoming Field Office
PO Box 1148 · Cheyenne, WY 82003
307-432-5600 • FAX 307-432-5598 • www.nass.usda.gov/wy

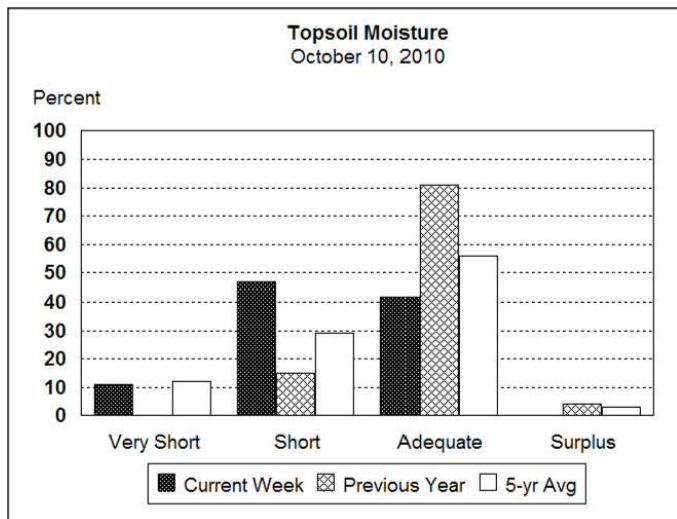
Released: Tuesday, October 12, 2010

Week of October 4 – 10, 2010

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cooler weather needed to speed sugarbeet harvest.

The weather the past several weeks has been great for harvesting but moisture was a very welcome sight this past week in counties such as Converse, Laramie, Lincoln, and Sweetwater. Lincoln County also reported some snow in the mountains with freezing temperatures most mornings. Other counties, such as Platte, are still in need of moisture for the wheat and grass lands and above normal temperatures have slowed sugarbeet harvest in Big Horn, Platte, and Washakie Counties. Due to the warm temperatures the sugarbeets cannot stay piled for long without spoiling, therefore limiting digging to the amount the factory can process. High temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the high 80s. Low temperatures ranged from the mid 20s to the mid 40s.

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	11	15	0	12
Short	47	46	15	29
Adequate	42	39	81	56
Surplus	0	0	4	3



FIELD CROP REPORT: Days suitable for field work were 6.2 with adequate or better topsoil increasing 3 points compared to last week. Topsoil moisture rated adequate or better still remains well below last year and the 5-year average. Winter wheat progress for the 2011 crop continues to lag behind compared to both last year and the average while harvest for dry beans, corn for grain, sugarbeets, and third cutting of alfalfa are all ahead of this time last year and the 5-year average. Crop conditions remain unchanged from last week.

CROP CONDITION TABLE

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Winter Wheat	0	0	42	58	0
Corn	1	3	20	76	0
Sugarbeets	0	1	9	90	0
Alfalfa Hay	0	0	23	65	12

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Winter Wheat Planted	97	81	100	100
Winter Wheat Emerged	79	70	98	96
Dry Beans Windrowed	95	92	91	94
Dry Beans Combined	81	65	79	77
Corn Dented	95	94	90	90
Corn Mature	90	58	81	70
Corn Harvested	34	26	2	7
Corn Silage	83	74	94	95
Sugarbeets Harvested	27	18	23	16
Alfalfa 3rd Cutting	78	64	72	77

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE REPORT: The percent of range and pasture rated good or better increased 3 points from last week and is up compared to last year and the 5-year average.

Producers continue to move livestock from summer pastures, as 47 percent of cattle and 52 percent of sheep have been moved. Livestock condition remains positive with the majority rated good to excellent and hay and roughage supplies are currently estimated at 97 percent adequate or surplus.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION TABLE

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excel
Cattle	0	0	6	91	3
Calves	0	0	6	90	4
Sheep	0	0	9	89	2
Lambs	0	0	8	89	3



WEATHER SUMMARY: For the second week in a row, temperatures averaged well above normal at all 33 reporting stations as 17 of them reported average temperatures 10 or more degrees above normal. Average air temperature for the week ranged from 5 degrees above normal at Evanston and Rawlins to 14 degrees above normal at Gillette and Greybull. The high temperature for the state was 89 degrees at Gillette and Sheridan, while the low of 25 degrees occurred in Shirley Basin. Precipitation was a welcomed sight as 32 of the stations reported receiving moisture. Big Horn received the most with 1.10 inches, putting them 2.95 inches above normal for cumulative precipitation since January 1. Thirteen of the other stations were still behind normal precipitation for the reference week and 18 stations were still below normal averages for cumulative precipitation since January 1.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, October 10, 2010 ^{1/}

	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
District 1									
Cody	86	41	59	9	0.01	0.21	-0.20	4.63	-4.84
Dubois	79	34	52	8	0.41	0.17	0.24	11.67	3.39
Greybull	85	44	62	14	0.19	0.14	0.05	6.50	0.03
Jeffrey City	81	32	54	8	0.47	0.21	0.26	11.31	2.23
Lake Yellowstone	81	35	54	11	0.21	0.21	0.00	10.23	-2.04
Lander	86	36	58	8	0.13	0.35	-0.22	12.92	1.98
Powell	85	41	58	11	0.03	0.14	-0.11	4.25	-2.02
Riverton	82	39	58	8	0.23	0.14	0.09	8.88	1.97
Worland	88	44	61	10	0.42	0.21	0.21	6.29	-0.61
District 2									
Big Horn	87	43	61	13	1.10	0.35	0.75	15.28	2.95
Buffalo-Johnson	85	43	62	13	0.11	0.28	-0.17	12.38	0.50
Gillette	89	43	63	14	0.08	0.41	-0.33	12.14	-1.92
Mid-West	85	36	59	9	0.50	0.28	0.22	9.79	-1.84
Newcastle	82	40	61	10	0.57	0.30	0.27	9.86	-4.00
Sheridan	89	43	63	13	0.98	0.35	0.63	13.48	1.03
Sundance	84	43	62	13	0.24	0.35	-0.11	18.08	2.03
District 3									
Big Piney	78	27	49	8	0.11	0.14	-0.03	4.26	-2.05
Evanston	77	32	51	5	0.72	0.28	0.44	9.00	-0.27
Jackson Hole	79	28	49	6	0.44	0.23	0.21	12.43	-3.40
Thayne	77	32	50	7	0.41	0.35	0.06	13.00	-1.26
District 4									
Casper	86	38	59	10	0.19	0.28	-0.09	10.14	-0.71
Laramie	76	33	53	8	0.07	0.21	-0.14	7.70	-2.07
Rawlins	79	37	54	5	0.00	0.21	-0.21	6.52	-1.52
Rock Springs	80	36	54	8	0.20	0.21	-0.01	5.63	-2.02
Shirley Basin	74	25	47	7	0.33	0.21	0.12	8.66	-0.24
District 5									
Buford	77	33	55	11	0.29	0.22	0.07	16.66	3.41
Cheyenne	79	39	59	10	0.11	0.21	-0.10	12.67	-1.24
Chugwater	83	38	60	11	0.52	0.21	0.31	18.77	5.02
Douglas	86	38	60	10	0.18	0.21	-0.03	10.75	-0.23
Lance Creek	88	37	61	10	1.05	0.26	0.79	16.25	4.40
Old Fort Laramie	83	30	57	7	0.67	0.21	0.46	16.69	4.83
Torrington	85	41	63	12	0.42	0.24	0.18	13.39	1.07
Wheatland	82	39	59	6	0.27	0.22	0.05	14.17	2.46

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN=Departure from Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955